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In re application of:

Gregory S. Hageman

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THERAPEUTICS FOR ARTERIAL WALL DISRUPTIVE DISORDERS

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003. The original deadline for response was January 6, 2004. A three month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline to April 6, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.